

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-AUGUST 9, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular town council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding(arrived at 7:54 p.m.)and Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of July 26, 2004 as corrected. The date mentioned in the minutes was corrected from 204 to 2004.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments from the public.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

DEP needs to approve the remedial action plan and construction of the approved remedial options. The schedule continues.

2. University Spring Weekend

The Committee on Community Quality of Life, a subcommittee of the Council, has met with Mr. Bruce Clouette as chair. One suggestion, which will be important, is to develop strict rules and regulations on persons renting in Mansfield. Discussion followed.

3. Reynolds School Renovation

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Town Council rescinds its previous resolution adopted on June 14, 2004 regarding the Reynolds School Renovation project, and to substitute the following resolution in lieu thereof, and

Whereas the Region 19 School District Board of Education has voted to request that the Town of Mansfield lease to it the former Reynolds School on Depot Road in Mansfield for a minimum period of twenty (20) years for the purpose of creating a satellite high school expected to accommodate and address the

educational needs of approximately 35 students at the location; and

Whereas, on June 1, 2004, said Region 19 Board of Education voted to establish a Building Committee, to authorize the preparation of schematics for the project, to authorize the filing of a grant application to the State Department of Education to fund the project, and to approve educational standards for the project; and

Whereas, in order for said project to be viable, the Town of Mansfield must advance to the Region 19 Board of Education its local share of the funds necessary for said Board to renovate said Reynolds School building for said purpose, which is expected to amount to no more than \$310,000.00, any such advance payment by the Town of Mansfield to be reimbursed to the Town by the Board of Education in eight equal installment during the eight years following completion of the construction of said renovations; and

Whereas, it is determined to be in the best interests of the people of the Town of Mansfield that a satellite educational program be established at the former Reynolds School in accordance with the foregoing considerations;

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that effective August 9, 2004 the Town Manager is authorized to negotiate and sign a twenty (20) year lease of said Reynolds School Building to the Region 19 School District Board of Education in accordance with the foregoing considerations, providing that the lease is contingent upon Region 19 carrying out the renovations substantially as contemplated in the plans dated June 9, 2004 from Lawrence Associates, and to advance to said Board of Education an amount up to \$310,000.00 as the Region's local share of the cost of renovating said school building to serve as a satellite high school under a contract which provides for the reimbursement of said funds to the Town of Mansfield in eight (8) equal annual installments, the first of which shall become payable one (1) year after the completion of construction of said renovations.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

4. Appointment of New Town Council Member

Mr. Schafer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that in accordance with Section C206 of the Mansfield Town Charter, to appoint Helen Koehn to the Mansfield Town Council for a term to run from August 9, 2004 until the next biennial town election.

Motion so passed unanimously.

5. Personal Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that, Resolved, retroactive to July 1, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute a personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of University employees and students.

Motion so passed unanimously.

6.State Grant to Purchase Alternate Fuel Vehicle (Pool Car) ConnDOT's Alternate Fuel Vehicle Demonstration Program

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective August 9, 2004, to authorize the Director of Public Works, Lon R. Hultgren, to execute the proposed agreement between 2Plus, Inc. and the Town of Mansfield concerning ConnDOT's Alternate Fuel Vehicle Demonstration Program.

Motion so passed unanimously.

7. Extension of Single Family Refuse and Recycling Collection Contract

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective August 9, 2004, to waive the purchasing requirements of Section C506(B)(1)(c) of the Mansfield Town Charter and to authorize staff to execute the proposed contract extension between the Town of Mansfield and F.W. Mayo and Sons for the performance of single family residential refuse and recycling collection services through May 31, 2005.

Motion so passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Committee on Community Quality has met again and is attempting to define the housing codes.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus was in Willimantic to greet Governor Jodi M. Rell.

Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, spoke on the increase in fund balance. The transfers will be presented to the Council members at the next meeting.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Downtown Partnership signed a Development Agreement between the Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance as its master developer for the town center project. The plans will be presented to the public in September and the project should begin next spring or early summer.

Town Council requested more information on the summary of town owned land and Conservation Easements.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. M. Berliner re: Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
Small Town Economic Assistance Program

9.C.van Zelm re: June 30, 2004 Progress Report, and Semi-Annual Financial
Project Report for the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement
Project

10.G.Padick re: Notice of Scoping, Proposed UConn Hazardous Waste Storage
Facility

11. Honorable C. Dodd re: Hillside Road Extension

12. CT Department of Transportation re: Salt Storage Facility at US Route 6
North Frontage Road, Town of Mansfield

13. Town Owned Land and Conservation Easements as July 1, 2004

14. National League of Cities re: Examples of Programs for Cities Database

15. University of Connecticut-Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student
Code

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the
meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk